(b) the quantity allotted and the quantity lifted during the last three months ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) : (a) The Kerala Government has demanded 1,50,000 tonnes of rice per month for distribution under PDS.

(b) The following quantity of rice was allotted and lifted by the Kerala Government during the months August, 1992 to October, 1992 :

(In '000)

Month	Allotted	Lifted
August, 92	150.00	182.1
September, 92	170.00	162.3
October, 92 (Provisional)	150.00	138.8

Rice Quota for Andhra Pradesh

@@1833. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have accepted to increase rice quota from the central pool to Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI); (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Allocation of rice to States/Union Territories for distribution through P.D.S. is made on the basis of a number of factors like stock position in the Central Pool, likely procurement during the year, relative needs of the various States, etc. The allocations for P.D.S. are supplemental in nature and, therefore, it is not possible to meet the entire demands of the States/Union Territories. Allocation of rice to Andhra Pradesh will be made keeping in consideration these factors.

Setting up of New Sugar Factories

1834. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a Committee on sugarcane have urged upon the Government to stop setting up of new sugar factories during Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have carried out any survey for exporting sugar to foreign countries; and

(d) if so, the results of the survey and action taken thereon ?

@@ Previously Unstarred Question 542, transferred from 26-11-92.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) : (a) and (b) Ministry of Food is not aware of any Committee on Sugarcane which has urged upon/recommended to the Government to stop setting up of new sugar factories during the Eighth Five Year Plan Period.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

1835. [Transferred to 14th December, 19921

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1836. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह** : क्या खाद्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) चालू वित्तीय वर्ष के दौरान कुल कितनी मात्रा में गेहूं खरीदा गया ; और

(ख) इस समय किसानों को किस दर पर भुगतान किया जा रहा है ?

खाद्य मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री तरुण गोगोई) : (क) वर्तमान रबी विपणन मौसम, 1992–93 (अप्रैल-मार्च) के दौरान 27–11–1992 तक 63.80 लाख मीटरी टन गेहूं की वसूली की गई है।

(ख) वर्तमान रबी विपणन मौसम, 1992–93 के दौरान किसानों को गेहूं का 275/– रुपये प्रति क्विंटल का वसूली मूल्य अदा किया गया है जिसमें 250/– रुपये का न्यूनतम समर्थन मूल्य और केन्द्रीय

सरकार द्वारा पहली अप्रैल से 30 जून, 1992 तक अदा किया गया 25/– रुपये प्रति क्विंटल का प्रोत्साहन बोनस शामिल है । इसके अतिरिक्त, पंजाब, हरियाणा और राजस्थान की राज्य सरकारों ने किसानों से गेहूं की खरीदारी करने के लिए 5/– रुपये प्रति क्विंटल का राज्य बोनस भी अदा किया था। मध्य प्रदेश ने 25/– रुपये प्रति क्विंटल का राज्य बोनस अदा किया था ।

Working of Public Distribution System in the Country

1837 SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: DR. BAPU KALDATE :

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state: .

(a) what is the raio of supply of import- ed foodgrains and indigenously procured to the Public Distribution System;

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(b) what on an average is the monthly supply of foodgrains to PDS as against their requirement particularly to the scarcity hit State;

(c) what was the gap in the demand and supply of foodgrains to PDS in 1991-92 and anticipated gap during 1992-93;

(d) whether Government are of the view that with the low procurement of foodgrains by the official agencies, the PDS system is likely to collapse; and

(e) if so, what steps are contemplated by Government to reform the PDS system in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) : (a) There is no ratio fixed for supply of imported foodgrains and indigenously procured foodgrains to the Public Distribution System.

(b) The average monthly allocation of foodgrains to States/UTs for PDS is approximately 9 lakh tonnes of rice and 8 lakh tonnes of wheat during 1992. This includes special allocation of 30,000 tonnes of wheat to Bihar as drought relief, 5000 tonnes of wheat and 5000 tonnes of rice to Uttar Pradesh as flood relief and 2,000 tonnes of rice to Kerala as flood relief. The allocation of foodgrains from the Central Pool are made on a month to month basis, to various States/UTs keeping in view the overall availability of stocks in the Central Pool, relative needs, market availability and other related factors. These allocations are only supplemental to the market availability and are not expected to meet the entire demand of the States/ UTs.

(c) There was no gap in procurement and supply of foodgrains in the Central Pool during 1991-92. During 1992-93 the shortfall in wheat requirement would be met through imports.

(d) and (e) In order to maintain supply of foodgrains to States/UTs for PDS at reasonable levels, steps have already been taken to import required quantity of foodgrains.

बड़े व्यापारियों द्वारा खाद्यान्नों की जमाखोरी

1838. श्री राम नरेश यादव : क्या खाद्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि बड़े व्यापारियों ने खाद्यान्नों का स्टॉक कर लिया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार ने जमाखोरों के स्टॉक का पता लगाने के लिए क्या-क्या उपाय किये हैं; और

(ग) गत तीन महीनों के दौरान कितने छापे मारे गये और उसके परिणामस्वरूप कितनी मात्रा में गेहूं/चावल बरामद हुआ ?

खाद्य मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री तरुण गोगोई) : (क) और (ख) जमाखोरी निरोधक उपाय करने के एक अंग के रूप में, राज्य सरकारों/संघ शासित प्रदेशों ने केन्द्रीय सरकार की पूर्व अनुमति से थोक विक्रेताओं, खुदरा विक्रेताओं, मिल मालिकों आदि के लिए खाद्यान्नों (गेहूं, चावल और दालें) की स्टाक रखने की अधिकतम सीमा निर्धारित की है । निरन्तर निरीक्षणों, जिनमें छापे मारना भी शामिल है, द्वारा वे इसे सख्ती के साथ लागू कर रहे हैं।

(ग) यथा-उपलब्ध सूचना संलग्न विवरण में दी गई है ।